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December 19, 2018

This is a follow up to a previous request:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed a check for \$5.50 to satisfy the fee associated with the attached public records request.

Thank you.

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On Dec. 17, 2018:  
Good afternoon,

The documents are available for review and/or purchase. There are a total of 26 pages, with 4 free pages, at 25 cent per page for a total of \$5.50. Pre-payment is required for purchase with a check made out to the Rochester Police Department that I would have you send to my attention.

For you information, there were no documents related to Hillary Clinton in his possession.

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Please feel free to contact me with any further questions. Once payment is received, I will place the records in the mail.

Thank you,

Records Supervisor Tammy Helgeson  
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On Dec. 13, 2018:

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all records, reports, and documents relating to Peter W. Smith, who was found dead by the Rochester Police Department in a Rochester, Minnesota hotel room on May 14, 2017.

I further request copies of any and all documents he had on his person at the time of his death, including any and all information related to his attempts to contact and receive former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's missing emails from Russian hackers on the darkweb.

CBS News: Link: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/report-peter-smith-clinton-emails-dead-by-suicide/>  
"Smith was found dead in a Rochester, Minnesota, hotel room on May 14. A Rochester Police Department report seen by CBS News refers to Smith's death as an "apparent suicide." The report describes the scene where Smith's body was found."

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days.

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Sincerely,

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# Rochester Police Department Report Compact



Print Date/Time: 12/17/2018 16:17  
Login ID: city.roch\thelgeson  
Case Number: 2017-00023603

ORI Number: Rochester Police Department  
MN0550100

## Case Details:

Case Number: 2017-00023603	Incident Type: Death Unknown/Other	
Location: 1211 2 ST SW 316 ROCHESTER, MN 55902	Occurred From: 05/13/2017 07:28	
	Occurred Thru: 05/14/2017 13:17	
	Reported Date: 05/14/2017 13:12 Sunday	
Reporting Officer ID: 2399-Compton	Status: NonCriminal	Status Date: 07/17/2017
Scene Processed By: 2832-Ruehl	Disposition: NonCriminal	Disposition Date: 07/28/2017
Assigned Bureau: Unassigned		

## Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
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## Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Deceased	1	Smith, Peter William	596 EAST CHEROKEE RD Lake Forest, IL 60045		White	Male	02/23/1936 81
Mentioned in Report	3	Ransom, William	847 BEVERLY Lake Forest, IL 60045				
Mentioned in Report	2	Ransom, Linda	847 BEVERLY Lake Forest, IL 60045		White	Female	
Mentioned in Report	1	Page, Melissa Ann	1211 2 ST SW ROCHESTER, MN 55902		White	Female	50
Witness	2	Wright, James Allan	1211 2 ST SW 329 ROCHESTER, MN 55902		White	Male	59
Witness	5	Jin, Chen	1211 2 ST SW ROCHESTER, MN 55902		Asian	Female	27
Witness	4	Haakenstad, Joyce Marie	1211 2 ST SW ROCHESTER, MN 55902		White	Female	50
Witness	6	Bennett, Sheila Marie	1211 2 ST SW ROCHESTER, MN 55902		White	Female	63
Witness	1	Brandt, Dieatra Annette	1211 2 ST SW ROCHESTER, MN 55902		White	Female	56
Witness	3	Aschim, Brenda Lee	1211 2 ST SW ROCHESTER, MN 55902		White	Female	46

## Subject # 1-Deceased

Primary: Yes	Deceased Type:	Individual
Name: Smith, Peter William	Race: White	Sex: Male
Address: 596 EAST CHEROKEE RD Lake Forest IL 60045	Height: 5ft 9 in	Weight: 150.0 lbs.
	Eyes: Blue	Hair: Gray
DVL #:	State: IL	DOB: 02/23/1936
		Age: 81

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**Subject #**    **3-Mentioned in Report**

Primary: No  
Name: Ransom, William  
Address: 847 BEVERLY  
Lake Forest IL 60045

Primary Phone:

State:

**Subject #**    **2-Mentioned in Report**

Primary: No  
Name: Ransom, Linda  
Address: 847 BEVERLY  
Lake Forest IL 60045

Primary Phone:

Race: White                      Sex: Female

State:

**Subject #**    **1-Mentioned in Report**

Primary: No  
Name: Page, Melissa Ann  
Address: 1211 2 ST SW  
ROCHESTER MN 55902

Primary Phone:

Race: White                      Sex: Female                      DOB:  
Height: 5ft 11 in                      Weight: 250.0 lbs.  
Eyes: Blue                      Age: 50  
DVL #:                      State: MN

**Subject #**    **2-Witness**

Primary: No  
Name: Wright, James Allan  
Address: 1211 2 ST SW 329  
ROCHESTER MN 55902

Primary Phone:

Race: White                      Sex: Male                      DOB:  
Age: 59  
DVL #:                      State: IL

**Subject #**    **5-Witness**

Primary: No  
Name: Jin, Chen  
Address: 1211 2 ST SW  
ROCHESTER MN 55902

Primary Phone:

Race: Asian                      Sex: Female                      DOB:  
Height: 5ft 2 in                      Weight: 109.0 lbs.  
Eyes: Brown                      Age: 27  
DVL #:                      State: MN

**Subject #**    **4-Witness**

Primary: No  
Name: Haakenstad, Joyce Marie  
Address: 1211 2 ST SW  
ROCHESTER MN 55902

Primary Phone:

Race: White                      Sex: Female                      DOB:  
Height: 5ft 5 in                      Weight: 160.0 lbs.                      Build: Heavy  
Eyes: Blue                      Hair: Brown                      Age: 50  
DVL #:                      State: MN

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**Subject #**    **6-Witness**

Primary: No  
Name: Bennett, Sheila Marie  
Address: 1211 2 ST SW  
ROCHESTER MN 55902  
Primary Phone:

Race: White  
Height: 5ft 5 in  
Eyes: Hazel  
DVL #:

Sex: Female  
Weight: 200.0 lbs.  
Age: 63  
State: MN  
DOB:

**Subject #**    **1-Witness**

Primary: No  
Name: Brandt, Dieatra Annette  
Address: 1211 2 ST SW  
ROCHESTER MN 55902  
Primary Phone:

Race: White  
Height: 5ft 4 in  
Eyes: Hazel  
DVL #:

Sex: Female  
Weight: 170.0 lbs.  
Age: 56  
State: MN  
DOB:

**Subject #**    **3-Witness**

Primary: No  
Name: Aschim, Brenda Lee  
Address: 1211 2 ST SW  
ROCHESTER MN 55902  
Primary Phone:

Race: White  
Height: 5ft 7 in  
Eyes: Blue  
DVL #:

Sex: Female  
Weight: 175.0 lbs.  
Age: 46  
State: MN  
DOB:

## Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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## Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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## Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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Report, Officer: jcompton, Supervisor: jbmitchell, Mer 2017-00023603

EVENT REPORT

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EVENT	REPORTED DATE/TIME 5/14/2017 13:12	OCCURRED INCIDENT TYPE Death Unknown Other	
	OCCURRED FROM DATE/TIME 05/13/2017 07:28	OCCURRED TO DATE/TIME 05/14/2017 13:17	EVENT LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 1211 2 ST SW 316 ROCHESTER, MN 55902

OFFENSES

COUNTS	STATUTE / DESCRIPTION	COUNTS	STATUTE / DESCRIPTION

SUBJECTS

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE Deceased	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) Adult <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE Smith, Peter, William				
	DOB 02/23/1936 81	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 596 East Cherokee RD Lake Forest, IL 60045-				
	SEX Male	RACE White	HAIR Gray	EYE Blue	HEIGHT or RANGE 5' 09	WEIGHT or RANGE 150
	DL NUMBER/STATE IL	PRIMARY PHONE	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE		
	EMAIL					

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE Witness	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) Adult <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE Brandt, Dieatra, Annette				
	DOB 56	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 1211 2 ST SW, ROCHESTER, MN 55902-				
	SEX Female	RACE White	HAIR	EYE Hazel	HEIGHT or RANGE 5' 4	WEIGHT or RANGE 170
	DL NUMBER/STATE ILL	PRIMARY PHONE Cell - Personal	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE		
	EMAIL					

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE Witness	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) Adult <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE Wright, James, Allan				
	DOB 59	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 1211 2 ST SW, 329, Rochester, MN 55902-				
	SEX Male	RACE White	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
	DL NUMBER/STATE IL	PRIMARY PHONE Cell - Personal	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE		
	EMAIL					

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### SUBJECTS

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Adult</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE				
	Witness	Aschim, Brenda, Lee				
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	46	1211 2 ST SW, Rochester, MN 55902-				
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
Female	White	Blonde	Blue	5' 7	175	
DL NUMBER/STATE	MNI	PRIMARY PHONE	Cell - Personal	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE	
EMAIL						

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Adult</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE				
	Witness	Haakenstad, Joyce, Marie				
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	50	1211 2 ST SW, ROCHESTER, MN 55902-				
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
Female	White	Brown	Blue	5' 5	160	
DL NUMBER/STATE	MN	PRIMARY PHONE	Home	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE	
EMAIL						

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Adult</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE				
	Mentioned in Report	Page, Melissa, Ann				
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	50	1211 2 ST SW, Rochester, MN 55902-				
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
Female	White		Blue	5' 11	250	
DL NUMBER/STATE	MN	PRIMARY PHONE	Cell - Personal	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE	
EMAIL						

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Adult</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE				
	Witness	Jin, Chen,				
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	1	27	1211 2 ST SW, Rochester, MN 55902-			
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
Female	Asian_Pacific Islander		Brown	5' 2	109	
DL NUMBER/STATE	MN	PRIMARY PHONE	Cell - Personal	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE	
EMAIL						

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SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Adult</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE				
	Witness	Bennett, Sheila, Marie				
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	63	1211 2 ST SW, ROCHESTER, MN 55902-				
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
Female	White		Hazel	5' 5	200	
DL NUMBER/STATE	MN	PRIMARY PHONE	Cell - Personal	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE	
EMAIL						

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE				
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
	DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE		
	EMAIL					

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE				
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
	DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE		
	EMAIL					

SUBJECT	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE				
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE
	DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	SECONDARY PHONE	OTHER PHONE		
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## NARRATIVE

### Preliminary Information

At about 1312 on 5/14/2017, staff at the Aspen Suites, 1211 2 St SW, reported finding the guest in #316 likely deceased of an apparent suicide with a plastic bag and a helium tank. I, Officer Compton, responded and found **PETER SMITH** passed away in his room. His family in Illinois were notified by local law enforcement and the Medical Examiner responded to the scene. Mr. Smith's personal effects were placed into Evidence for safekeeping until arrangements could be made with his family.

### Officer Actions/Observations

I did or observed the following:

- Was dispatched to the Aspen Suites after the initial call staff
- Activated my Axon camera upon arrival
- Went upstairs to #316
- The room door was propped open upon my arrival
- Part of the security latch for the door was visible on the floor, broken
- I could see a male figure dressed in black workout-type clothing motionless on the floor in the kitchenette area, right inside the door
- There were two red propane-type cylinders with orange tubing in and around a laundry basket on the floor next to him
- I could see the end of one of the orange hoses sticking up above his head, tucked into a rubber band around his head/forehead, above his ears
- There was a white plastic bag on the floor next to his head
- There was a black rubber or plastic tie of some type on the floor next to the laundry basket
- A female hotel staff member (later identified as witness **DIEATRA BRANDT**) was kneeling on the ground next to the motionless male talking on the phone
- A male (later identified as witness **JAMES WRIGHT**) was standing there with her
- The male on the ground was not breathing
- I could not feel a pulse and his hand was obviously cold to the touch
- I advised 10-72 over the radio at 1317 hours
- Gold Cross arrived a short time later and confirmed that the victim was deceased
- RFD also arrived and checked the room with a gas sniffer to ensure the air was OK, which it was
- I spoke to the female staff member, who verbally identified herself as Dieatra Brandt, one of the supervisors
- The male I had seen earlier in the room, returned and I spoke to him also
- He verbally identified himself to me as James Wright

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### NARRATIVE (continuation)

#### Witness Statement

Dieatra Brandt told me the following (synopsis):

- I took the plastic bag off his head, I'm sorry
- I just couldn't leave him like that
- I thought maybe we could start CPR
- The bag was wrapped around his head nice and tight
- I was going to try to roll him over to do CPR, but there was no pulse and he was cold
- I did not disturb anything else
- The tubes and rubber band that you see are how we found him
- We had come to see if he had checked out
- I had radioed housekeeper Brenda (witness **BRENDA ASCHIM**) to check on the room
- She said there was a guy on the floor so I ran down here
- I tried to yell at him but we couldn't get in the door because the security bar at the top was engaged
- The guy who was just in here is a guest and he helped me break the door open

#### Witness Statement

James Wright told me the following (synopsis):

- She (Dieatra) had already found him when I got here
- She could not get in the room though because he had the security latch on the door engaged
- I helped her break the door in to check on him
- I ripped the bag off his head when we got inside, but I noticed the tank had already drained
- Other than that, I did not touch anything
- I've seen this kind of thing with the helium on the internet

#### Officer Actions/Observations

I did or observed the following:

- Officer Erickson was with me and stayed with the room while Dieatra took me to talk to witness Brenda, who was working in another room
- Brenda was clearly shaken up when I spoke her
- She verbally identified herself to me as Brenda Aschim

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### NARRATIVE (continuation)

#### Witness Statement

Brenda Aschim told me the following (synopsis):

- Dieatra radioed up for me to check and see if #316 had left yet
- I knocked and then tried to open the door
- The security latch was engaged and I could only open the door a crack
- I saw legs on the ground inside
- I called out "Hey, are you OK" and nobody said anything
- I did not hear anything at all from inside
- I immediately radioed Dieatra that somebody was down on the ground in the room
- Dieatra came up to the room immediately
- I feel like fainting
- I just need to sit here for a few minutes to collect myself

#### Officer Actions/Observations

I did or observed the following:

- SGT Mitchell responded to #316 to request death notification to the victim's family, notify Investigations and request the Medical Examiner
- I noted that there were several folders with papers and a laminated photo ID page from a passport sitting neatly on the desk just inside the front door to the room
- The ID was in the name of Peter William Smith, 2-23-1936
- The documents included a note to the SE MN Regional Medical Examiner's Office advising that there was no foul play, no one assisted him, he had a recent bad turn of health and that his life insurance policy would soon expire
- There were also medical documents including a DNR/POLST/Living Will, info on financial arrangements, a self-written obituary, and a list of whom to contact with names/numbers/addresses
- With other officers on scene, I went down to the front desk to speak with Dieatra some more
- She introduced me to Assistant General Manager mentioned person **MELISSA PAGE** who had arrived after being notified of the incident
- Dieatra provided me with a copy of Mr. Smith's guest information sheet, which indicated he had been there since 5/05/17 and was due to check out today (5/14/17)
- No one at the front desk was aware of any companions or guests staying with Mr. Smith
- From the housekeeping records, it appeared that room #316 had a "light touch" (enter room, straighten beds, take out garbage) by housekeeping some time before 1600 on Friday, 5/12/17

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- The reservation computer indicated that Mr. Smith requested a one-night stayover at 0728 on 5/13/17
- The computer indicated that Melissa had entered the stay-over, but she advised she had been gone by 0715 and it was likely witness **JOYCE HAAKENSTAD** who processed it without logging Melissa off the computer
- Melissa called Joyce on the phone and then let me speak to her
- Joyce verbally identified herself to me

#### Witness Statement

Joyce Haakenstad told me the following (synopsis):

- I saw the gentleman from #316 in person at the front desk yesterday morning around 0730
- He came to ask for a one day extension, which I entered for him
- He was printing things in the business center at the same time
- At one point he came back to ask for more paper
- I don't remember him saying anything out of the ordinary
- I believe that was the last time I saw him yesterday

#### Mentioned Person's Statement

Melissa (Missy) Page told me the following (synopsis):

- Joyce must have used her login to extend Mr. Smith on Saturday morning after I left
- Our maintenance guy Dan is out of town
- His phone is just going to voicemail
- He should be back tomorrow and would be able to read the lock logs
- The locks will maintain their data until then
- Guests are frequently issued two key cards, but not always

#### Officer Actions/Observations

I did or observed the following:

- I provided Melissa with the case number on my business card
- I requested that she contact me once the logs from the door lock on #316 were available
- I returned to #316
- Monica Kendall from the Medical Examiner's Office arrived
- I briefed her on the incident and looked around the room some more while she began her

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#### investigation

- I noted a black mesh bag in the closet area that had some tools, uninflated balloons and a plastic Walmart bag with a receipt in it
- The receipt was from Walmart South (25 25 St SE) stamped 5/13/17 @ 12:53:48, which included "Helium Jumbo" and 2 "8 In SJ Pliers"
- I photographed the receipt
- There was a heavy black exercise weight vest on the floor in the closet next to the mesh bag
- With Monica's permission, I attempted to close the valves on each of the red tanks, which were labeled as "Balloon Time" helium
- I noted that each tank was weighted on the top with a leather or vinyl exercise weight such as one might wear on wrists or ankles
- When I turned the valves on the helium tanks, it took several full clockwise rotations to close each and I could hear a little bit of gas hiss out of one when I turned it upright
- Monica located some cash and several club/bank cards, as well as what appeared to be the hotel room key card in the right pants pocket of Mr. Smith's pants
- I photographed these items and Monica retained them for her investigation
- At her direction, I requested Rochester Cremation
- Rochester Cremation responded to transport Mr. Smith
- I then gathered up his personal property from the room
- I took the helium tanks, tubing, tools, laundry basket, mesh bag, weights/vest, a black handbag with cellphone and document folder, and suitcase with clothes and toiletries for safekeeping
- The room door was pulled shut upon departure and I advised Melissa that the room was secure and no longer needed
- Shortly before I left, I was approached separately by two other hotel employees who remembered seeing Mr. Smith more recently
- **CHEN JIN** verbally identified herself to me and advised she had spoken to him last night
- **SHEILA BENNETT** verbally identified herself to me and advised she had seen him this morning

#### Witness Statement

Chen Jin told me the following (synopsis):

- I was working the front desk last night
- The gentleman from #316 was in the business center for about 2 hours
- He was working on the computer and printing things off
- This was probably 2000-2100 hours or so
- When he left he said to me "Tomorrow is my last day"

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### NARRATIVE (continuation)

- I assumed he was referring to checking out tomorrow since he has been extending multiple times

#### Witness Statement

Sheila Bennett told me the following (synopsis):

- I saw the gentleman from #316 this morning
- I came to work around 0700 and it was very busy, but I think it was sometime before 0830 when I saw him in the hallway
- I greeted him, but he seemed like he was trying to ignore me as he walked by and he didn't really respond
- He was wearing black pants, a black shirt and a black cap similar to a baseball cap

#### Officer Actions/Observations

I did or observed the following:

- Transported Mr. Smith's belongings to the LEC and checked them in to Evidence
- SGT Mitchell gave me the folders of documents that had been on the desk in #316 and which he scanned for the report
- I placed these items into the black handbag so that they could be retrieved by his family
- I took photos of all the property as I checked it into Evidence
- I noted that there was a black baseball-style hat in the black handbag, which seemed to match Sheila's description
- I also spoke to witness James Wright again by phone as someone mentioned that he had seen Mr. Smith earlier in the morning

#### Witness Statement

James Wright told me the following (synopsis):

- I saw the deceased gentleman in the lounge breakfast area this morning, probably between 0630-0730
- I noticed that he was sort of pacing
- He would get up from his chair, walk over to the newspapers, then go back to his chair and sit down for about 30 seconds and then get up and walk over to the newspapers again
- It seemed like he had a lot on his mind
- I'm sure it was the same gentleman

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- He was wearing the tighter dark pants and dark shirt and seemed pretty thin
- I noticed that he had gray hair, so I don't believe he was wearing a hat at that time

#### Officer Actions/Observations

I did or observed the following:

- On 5/15/17, Melissa Page emailed me the records of the lock audit for room #316
- I noted that the last entry for 5/14 was "Dee" at 1054 hours, which did not match the time of the 911 call
- I returned to Aspen Suites to inquire
- I spoke to Melissa in the office and maintenance man Dan also stopped by
- Dan explained that the locks are battery operated and thus the time stamps can be inaccurate, but that the cards and order recorded are reliable
- He advised that the device he used to audit the lock would have reset the clock to the proper time, so there was no way to see how far off the lock clock was yesterday

#### Mentioned Person's Statement

Melissa Page told me the following (synopsis):

- The cards with names on the lock audit are access cards issued to employees
- The cards numbered 0-4 are guest cards
- They do not necessarily correspond to 5 different cards, but rather the numbers increment up from 0 (new card) as the cards are updated or copied
- The card labeled "Dee" used at 1053 and 1054 is Dieatra's card
- The card labeled "Gabby" used at 1052 was likely Brenda when she went to check the room
- Brenda does not have her own access card and would have had to use someone else's
- There were no other cards used after Dee's card at 1054
- We did not access the room after the incident yesterday and are just now opening it up to clean it
- The clock does appear to be about 2 hours behind because it shows housekeepers in the room around 0600 on at least one day
- They would not have been in the room until 0800 or later

#### Officer Actions/Observations

I did or observed the following:

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- Forwarded the lock audit information to Monica Kendall at the Medical Examiner's Office and included an explanation of the apparent issue with the time stamps
- Attached a copy of the audit to this report

#### Evidence

- Axon video of my contact with all parties uploaded to the server
- Photographs of Walmart receipt, items located in victim's pockets, and items placed into Evidence uploaded to the server
- Copy of door lock audit for room #316 attached to field report

#### Disposition

- Inactive

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SYNOPSIS:

On 07/14/17 I Sgt. Steve Thompson #2179 performed follow-up on this case.

OFFICER'S ACTIONS/ OBSERVATIONS:

- I called and spoke to William Ransom who was identified in Sgt. Mitchell's report as being Peter Smith's son-in-law.
- Ransom was listed as the person to contact in case of his death.
- I asked Ransom if Smith had a laptop computer.
- Ransom told me that Smith did indeed have a laptop but that it was missing.
- I searched the photographs taken by officers at the death scene and did not see a laptop.
- It is unknown if Smith had a laptop computer at the hotel and no one reports seeing Smith using a laptop computer.
- He was however seen printing items in the hotel's business center
- I then asked Ransom if he was ok with my emailing him the suicide note that Smith wrote indicating that this was a suicide and not an act of foul play.
- Smith had signed the note, and I wanted Ransom to tell me if the signature appeared to be genuine.
- Ransom was willing to receive the email and told me he would let me know if the signature appeared to be Smith's.
- At 1321 hours I received a return email from William Ranson confirming that the signature on the suicide note was in Peter Smith's handwriting.
- I asked Ransom how Smith got to the hotel room.
- I also asked him if he knew whether or not Smith flew from Chicago to Rochester, and if so did he take a cab or rent a car to get from the airport to the hotel.
- I also asked him if he drove a car from Chicago to Rochester.
- Ransom said he'd wondered that right away but forgot about it and didn't know. He told me that Smith didn't own a car but that his wife did.
- According to Ransom the family is not missing any cars.
- He told me he would let me know what he found out.
- I then saw the receipt from Walmart South and called and spoke to Dannelle Baker from Walmart security.
- From the receipt I saw that Smith purchased a helium tank using his Chase Visa credit card.
- I saw that the transaction took place on register #17 at 12:53:48 on 05/13/17.
- Baker told me that they had video of the transaction.
- I drove to Walmart South and went inside the security room.
- Baker pulled up the video and played it for me.
- The video was directly over the register.

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- I saw what appeared to me to be an elderly male with light colored hair wearing exactly the same clothing that Smith was wearing when he was found on the floor of his hotel room.
- The male in the video appeared to have the same build as Smith.
- The male in the video from Walmart was wearing a black baseball style cap with what appeared to be a letter C on the front. The C on the hat appeared to be a black version of the Chicago Cubs letter C.
- The male was also wearing a black long sleeve shirt and black running style pants and black NIKE shoes with a white NIKE "Swoosh".
- I compared the clothing to the clothing that Smith was wearing when he was found by officers in the hotel room and found them to be exactly the same.
- A black Chicago Cubs hat matching what I saw on the video was also found in the hotel room.
- Baker told me that they did not have video of the entrance and exit doors so a good facial shot of Baker entering or leaving is no longer available.
- In reviewing the photos taken by officers at the scene I noted that there were two reddish orange helium tanks in Smith's hotel room but only one of them was hooked up with a hose when Smith was found.
- I do not know when or where the other tank was purchased.
- I asked Baker to run Smith's credit card number to see if he'd purchased the other tank from Walmart but Baker told me he was unable to see whether or not Smith bought another tank from Walmart so it's unknown when or where Smith bought the 2nd tank.
- Baker created a DVD of the video and handed it over to me.
- I placed the DVD into evidence.
- I also scanned some still shots from the video into the case file.

#### DISPOSITION:

- Supplement report
- Case status: Closed non-criminal

**Sgt. Steve Thompson #2179**  
**Rochester Police Department**

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### SUBJECTS

<b>SUBJECT</b>	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Adult</b>					<input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE	
	Mentioned in Report	Ransom, Linda,						
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE						
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)							
	847 Beverly Lake Forest, IL 60045-							
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE		
Female	White							
DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE Cell Phone		SECONDARY PHONE		OTHER PHONE			
EMAIL								

<b>SUBJECT</b>	SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Adult</b>					<input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCLOSURE	
	Mentioned in Report	Ransom, William,						
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE						
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)							
	847 Beverly Lake Forest, IL 60045-							
	SEX	RACE	HAIR	EYE	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE		
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#### Preliminary Information:

On 5/14/2017, around 13:12hrs, officers were dispatched to Aspen Suites located at 1211 2nd St. Sw. The complainant, the front desk clerk, called and advised that a guest in room #316 had committed suicide via "suffocation with a plastic bag". When officers arrived on scene, they found an 81 year old male named Peter William Smith deceased inside the hotel room from an apparant suicide. I assisted by notifying family of Smith's death.

#### Officer's Observations/Actions:

- After hearing officers being dispatched to this complaint, I started for the location.
- Ofc. Erickson and Ofc. Compton were on scene prior to my arrival and had been for about 15 minutes.
- When I arrived at the hotel, I went to room #316.
- As I got close to the door, I could see that it was partially open about inch or two and I could hear officers inside.
- The security latch had been placed in such a way to prevent the door from fully closing.
- I could see Smith through the partial opening on the ground to the left of the opening.
- His head was near the door and he was faced away from the opening.
- Ofc. Erickson and Ofc. Compton were inside.
- After I entered the room, I was breifed by Ofc. Erickson and Ofc. Compton.
- Smith left documentation on why he committed suicide, medical records, his written obitrary, and life insurance on an end table near the couch.
- Along with those items was also instructions on who to contact about his death.
- Linda and William Ransom were listed as persons Smith wanted contacted.
- Linda is Smith's daughter and William is his son in-law.
- They live in Lake Forest, IL.
- I contacted Lake Forest police department and they made notification with Linda and William.
- Linda and William called me after and I answered their questions and gave them the contact number for the Death Investigator Monica Kendall.
- Linda and William advised that they would contact Smith's wife and the rest of the family.
- I scanned and attached all the documents Smith left for us to see.
- At this time I have nothing further.

#### Disposition:

- Supplemental report only

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TO: SOUTHERN MINNESOTA REGIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

BELOW IS COMPLETE STATEMENT::


SORRY TO HAVE INVOLVED YOU AND APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE

- NO FOUL PLAY WHATSOEVER - ALL SELF INFLICTED

- NO PARTY ASSISTED OR HAD KNOWLEDGE AS AN ACCOMPLICE BEFORE  
THE FACT

- REASON IS RECENT BAD TURN IN HEALTH SINCE JANUARY, 2017

- TIMING RELATES TO LIFE INSURANCE OF \$ 5 MILLION EXPIRING

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PETER W. SMITH

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Peter W. Smith  
596 East Cherokee Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

DOB 2/23/1936  
See Passport Attached

Notification to Son in law and daughter  
847 Beverly, Lake Forest 60045  
(do not call house please)

William Ransom  
Linda Ransom

Also Notification if needed to son in Houston TX:

William M. Smith

PLEASE DO NOT CALL WIFE (JANET L. SMITH  
AT SUBJECT ADDRESS ABOVE)

John J. Szobocsan

John J. Szobocsan - Managing Director

Mr. Szobocsan oversees thorough diligence activities for the firm, as well as provides ongoing monitoring of investee companies. Mr. Szobocsan's analysis of current trends and developments covers a vast number of technical and scientific topics, including his knowledge and expertise of patents. Previously he was a Vice President at Chicago Partners, LLC, and was with Plante & Moran, PLLC with a concentration on intellectual property matters. Mr. Szobocsan was engaged by Andersen Consulting as a functional Analyst from 1985 to 1991, and worked for Arthur Andersen & Company as a Senior Consultant in Finance Risk Management from 1993 to 1996. He has been an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern University in the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences, and is an Adjunct Professor of Finance at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Stuart Graduate School of Business.

Mr. Szobocsan holds a B.S. in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from Purdue University (1985), an M.S. in Engineering-Mechanical Engineering/Applied Mathematics from the University of Michigan Rackham School of Graduate Studies (1988), and MBA, Concentrations in Finance, International Business and Strategy from the University of Chicago Graduate School of business (1993). Mr. Szobocsan is currently a Principal at Winnemac Consulting, LLC where he specializes in the applications of economics, finance, statistics, technology, valuation, and accounting principles in litigation matters (Chicago, Illinois).

Jonathan Safron

Jonathan Safron - Research Director

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Supplemental Info on Subject - Peter W. Smith

No personal computer but email business partner associates above have access to accounts - contacts noted above

No personal cellphone available other than an office cell phone

Trusts and Estate structure has been established with these partners including a recently established South Dakota Insurance Trust

No Chicago residence has not been maintained for past 15 months

Subject has received no death threats, nor do any legal or business disputes exist

The 48 year old son of the subject, David A. Smith is serving a one year term in Illinois State Prison as a Sex Offender - Y19016

Because the subject was hopeful of being able to purchase a new issued life insurance policy to replace the existing policy which is not economic to maintain, his medical consults this year are separate from, and are not merged with, his prior records



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THE INSURED     PETER WILLIAM SMITH  
POLICY OWNER     SEE PAGE 4  
FACE AMOUNT     \$5,000,000  
INITIAL TERM  
EXPIRY DATE     AUG 23, 1988  
POLICY NUMBER

**TERM  
INSURANCE  
POLICY**

**AXA EQUITABLE** LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

*Agrees*

- To pay the insurance benefits of this policy to the Beneficiary upon receiving proof that the Insured died before the Term Expiry Date; and
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Richard H. Jenrette, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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PLEASE TO  
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DENTIST IS DR. PETER

UNACT

PATIENT NUMBER

## PETER W. SMITH

For more than forty years, Peter W. Smith has directed private equity firms. From 1997 to 2014, Mr. Smith, as Managing Member of DigaComm, LLC, led or co-led fifteen early-stage venture investments, including iPIX and L-90, Inc.. He was President of Peter W. Smith & Company, Inc. from 1975 to 1997, a firm that led twelve buyout transactions, including Donnelly Marketing, Inc. and Hunter-Melnor, Inc. Previously, Mr. Smith was a senior officer of Field Enterprises, Inc., a diversified communications company held by the Marshall Field family.

Mr. Smith's involvement with public affairs includes twelve years with the Atlantic Council of the United States as Board Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Finance Chairman. He served as National Chairman of the College Young Republicans, and was involved with fundraising for GOPAC as well as candidate and state party organizations. The focus of his national political campaign activity since 1992 has been on independent expenditures, including Troopergate disclosures involving President Clinton.

Mr. Smith, 81, resided in Lake Forest, Illinois, and is survived by his wife, Janet L. Smith, three children Linda S. Ransom, William M. Smith, David A. Smith and three grandchildren.

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PERSONAL WISHES  
TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
OF PETER W SMITH

1. DNR and POLST Practitioner Orders (Enclosed Herein)
2. Illinois Living Will Act Declaration (Enclosed Herein)
3. Cremation
4. Family Service Only

Peter W. Smith  
Peter W. Smith

MARCH 29, 2017  
Date

Illinois Living Will Act  
(Illinois Compiled Statutes, 755 ILCS 35/1 et seq.)

DECLARATION

This declaration is made this 29<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2017 (month, year).

I, PETER W. SMITH being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make known my desires that my moment of death shall not be artificially postponed.

If at any time I should have an incurable and irreversible injury, disease, or illness judged to be a terminal condition by my attending physician who has personally examined me and has determined that my death is imminent except for death delaying procedures, I direct that such procedures which would only prolong the dying process be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication, sustenance, or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary by my attending physician to provide me with comfort care.

In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such death delaying procedures, it is my intention that this declaration shall be honored by my family and physician as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and accept the consequences from such refusal.

Signed Peter W. Smith

City, County and State Residence 1111 WEST LIFEWALK ROAD  
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045 (LAKE COUNTY)

The declarant is personally known to me and I believe him or her to be of sound mind. I saw the declarant sign the declaration in my presence (or the declarant acknowledged in my presence that he or she had signed the declaration) and I signed the declaration as a witness in the presence of the declarant. I did not sign the declarant's signature above for or at the direction of the declarant. At the date of this instrument, I am not entitled to any portion of the estate of the declarant according to the laws of intestate succession or, to the best of my knowledge and belief, under any will of declarant or other instrument taking effect at declarant's death, or directly financially responsible for declarant's medical care.

Witness Charlotte [Signature]

Witness [Signature]

For copies, contact the Illinois Department on Aging  
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